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Office of the Provost

Dear University of Oregon faculty and staff,

I am writing to announce that Sarah Nutter is returning the faculty as the Charles E. Kern Professor in the School of Accounting following her five-year tenure as Edward Maletis Dean of the Charlies H. Lundquist College of Business (LCB). I am grateful for her leadership and, especially, for her commitment to the success of our students over the last few challenging years. Her many accomplishments are highlighted in this Around the O story.

Following consultation with faculty and staff within the Lundquist College of Business, as well as other key stakeholders, I have appointed Bruce Blonigen, currently the Tykeson Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), to serve for the next two years as dean of the Lundquist College of Business effective July 15, 2022. A capable and experienced administrator and mission-driven leader, the tenure of this appointment will allow Bruce to bring his strengths to bear in fostering a positive and inclusive work and learning environment within the college, ensuring successful faculty recruitment and retention, and working collaboratively with my office to advance the university's goals through his strategic leadership and effective advocacy.

Bruce has been at the UO for more than 25 years and has served in various leadership roles including department head in Economics, associate dean for Social Sciences, dean for Faculty and Operations in CAS, and interim dean of LCB. This firsthand experience in LCB will no doubt aid Bruce as he returns to serve as dean. He brings a measure of familiarity with the college's faculty and staff, culture, academic offerings, and budget.

Most recently Bruce has led the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) since January 2019. During this time, he saw the college through dramatically shifting enrollments, collaborating with university leadership to put CAS on a surer financial footing. He offered steadiness and encouragement to faculty and staff through the pandemic and took the opportunity to implement new initiatives that will help CAS emerge from COVID better able to serve its mission. These include the launch of shared administrative services and the establishment of the School for Global Studies and Languages.

Bruce's tenure has also been marked by an attention to diversity and increased opportunities for our students. Over half of all new-faculty hires within CAS have been from underrepresented groups, and Black Studies and Latinx Studies programs have been established for students to delve deeper in these critical areas of study. CAS has also partnered with the Division of Undergraduate Education and Student Success (UESS) and the Career Center to implement and refine the Tykeson vision of integrated academic and career advising, raised funds to enhance these efforts through direct student support.

I wish to thank Karen Ford, dean for faculty in CAS, who has agreed to serve as acting dean until September when our next dean, Chris Poulsen, begins. I am confident that Karen—an accomplished administrator and highly regarded advisor—will lead with a steady hand, preparing the administration and faculty for its new leader and successfully onboarding the new dean when he arrives. I am also grateful to associate deans Angela Davis, Diane Del Guercio, and Connie Brady for their recent and ongoing interim leadership in LCB.

Please join me in thanking Sarah for her leadership and continued contributions as a senior faculty member and in congratulating Bruce and thanking him for his continued willingness to serve the institution and our academic enterprise.

Sincerely,

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Provost and Senior Vice President

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